

REVOLUTION AND THE EARLY REPUBLIC



The Sons of Liberty pull down a statue of George III on the Bowling Green, New York, July 9, 1776.

1765 British Parliament passes the Stamp Act.

1773 Colonists stage the Boston Tea Party.

1774 Parliament passes the Intolerable Acts. First Continental Congress convenes.

1775 Second Continental Congress convenes.

1776 Colonies declare independence.



USA
WORLD

1765

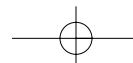
1775

1760 George III becomes king of Great Britain.



1774 Reign of Louis XVI begins in France.

1776 Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations* is published.



INTERACT WITH HISTORY

The year is 1787. You have recently helped your fellow patriots overthrow decades of oppressive British rule. However, it is easier to destroy an old system of government than to create a new one. In a world of kings and tyrants, your new republic struggles to find its place.

How much power should the national government have?

Examine the Issues

- Which should have more power, the states or the national government?
- How can the new nation avoid a return to tyranny?
- How can the rights of all people be protected?



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1781
The British
surrender
at Yorktown.

1786 Daniel
Shays leads a
rebellion against
higher taxes.

1788 The
Constitution
is ratified.

1789 George
Washington
is elected
president.



1792 George
Washington is
reelected.

1785

1781 Joseph II
allows religious
toleration in
Austria.

1785 British
preacher Edmund
Cartwright invents
the first power
loom.

1787 Sierra Leone
in Africa is made a
haven for freed
American slaves.

1789
The
French
Revolution
starts.

1795



1793 French
king Louis XVI
is executed.